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September 5, 2003

To: Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Chair  
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From:   
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**MOTION TO SUPPORT \$30 MILLION APPROPRIATION FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (ITEM NO. 13, AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2003)**

Item No. 13 on the September 9, 2003 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Antonovich that the Board send a five-signature letter to the County's Congressional delegation, Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and Health and Human Services (HHS) Tommy Thompson urging their support for a \$30 million appropriation for supportive services under the Programs of Regional and National Significance of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in HHS.

Supervisor Antonovich introduced the motion at the request of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), which believes that more supportive services are needed in order to meet President Bush's goal of ending chronic homelessness in ten years. President Bush's proposed Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2004 Budget included \$10 million for SAMHSA's role in the Administration's Samaritan Initiative, a supportive housing and services initiative aimed at ending chronic homelessness.

The House committee report for the House-passed FFY 2004 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill (H.R. 2660) indicates that the bill includes \$10 million for this initiative. The Senate committee report for the Senate version (S. 1356) indicates that funding for coordinated homeless services shall be funded at no less than last year's level, which would mean a \$7 million funding level for the initiative. Senate floor action on S. 1356 began on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be completed during the week of September 8<sup>th</sup>. No Senate floor amendments which would increase supportive services funding have been filed to date.

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The motion, which would increase funding for homeless supportive services in SAMHSA's budget to \$30 million, is consistent with the policy supporting increased funding for homeless assistance programs, including supportive services, in the Federal Agenda adopted by your Board on February 4, 2003.

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